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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Si Yi Li. Helen H. Zhu, S. M. Reza Sadjadi, James V. Tietz and Bryan A. Helmer for METHOD OF PLASMA ETCHING LOW-K DIELECTRIC MATERIALS.

[] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application <u>NOT BE</u> <u>PUBLISHED</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the

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Al	so enclosed are:					
[X	_5 sheet(s) of [X] formal [] informal drawing(s);					
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- --This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _,--.
- [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- [X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

- 1	No. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE	
Basic Application Fee						
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =		
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- [X] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
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